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SUMMARY: THE DGB PRINTING AND PAPER WORKERS UNION
(IG DRUCK UND PAPIER), ONE OF THE SMALLER DGB AFFILIA-
TED UNIONS, WILL HOLD ITS 11TH (TRIENNIAL) CONVENTION
IN AUGSBURG, OCTOBER 16-22, WITH 267 DELEGATES REPRESENTING ABOUT 155,000 MEMBERS. ALTHOUGH THE PRINTERS

UNION LACKS THE POLITICAL MUSCLE OF SOME OF THE LARGER INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, IT IS A FACTOR OF SOME IMPORTANCE IN THE POLITICAL PICTURE LARGELY BECAUSE THE GERMAN JOURNALISTS UNION (DJU) IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF IG DRUCK UND PAPIER. THE UNION IS FIRMLY PLANTED ON THE LEFT WING OF THE DGB AND HAS ALWAYS TAKEN A KEEN INTEREST IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES. THE DEBATES ARE LIKELY TO REFLECT THE GROWING CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED DEBATES DURING THE CURRENT SEASON'S ROUND OF UNION CONVENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CONVENTION DELEGATES WILL WADE THROUGH 374 RESOLUTIONS COVERING THE UNION CONSTITUTION, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POLICY, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TAX POLICIES, SOCIAL POLICY, EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND GENERAL TRADE UNION POLICY.

2. THE RESOLUTIONS ON ECONOMIC POLICY ARE EVEN MORE UNCOMPROMISING VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT THAN THE ONES PROPOSED AT THE RECENT METALWORKERS UNION CONVENTION (REF A-B). ONE RESOLUTION POINTEDLY REJECTS THE UTILIZATION OF ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS "INTERFERENCE WITH FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING." IT CALLS ON THE DGB AND OTHER UNIONS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITHDRAW PERMANENTLY FROM THE "CONCERTED ACTION" DISCUSSIONS AND INSTEAD TO SPONSOR AN ANNUAL ECONOMIC PRESENTATION BY ECONOMISTS CLOSE TO LABOR.

3. IN ADDITION, OTHER ECONOMIC POLICY RESOLUTIONS CALL FOR ELABORATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES TO CREATE JOBS AND PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, FOR A REDUCTION OF WORKING HOURS, FOR EARLY RETIREMENT AND EXTENDED ANNUAL LEAVE AND FINALLY FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF KEY INDUSTRIES AND INDUSTRIES THAT HAVE MARKET MONOPOLIES. IN THE LATTER REALM PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY WITH PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PUBLISHING FIRMS, THE EXTENSION OF CODE-TERMINATION WITH PARTICIPATION BY JOURNALISTS, TIGHTER CONTROL OVER MERGERS AND ADVERTISING AND, AS A LAST RESORT, THE NATIONALIZATION OF DOMINANT PUBLISHING FIRMS IF THAT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PRESS.

4. THE DELEGATES WILL BE FACED WITH THE DISAGREEABLE FACT THAT A THREE-WEEK STRIKE IN 1976 FOLLOWED BY AN EMPLOYERS LOCKOUT WAS AN ECONOMIC DISASTER FOR THE

UNION. THE DEPLETED TREASURY WILL HAVE TO BE RESTORED
TO SOME KIND OF FINANCIAL VIABILITY. THE LEADERSHIPS
SOLUTION IS TO INCREASE UNION DUES AND DRASTICALLY CUT
BENEFITS TO RETIRED MEMBERS.

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